

THE MISSIONARY CIRCLE.

As a result of the unification of the world and the work of the Spirit in arousing the Church to a sense of its duty and responsibility in evangelizing the world, a wonderful missionary uprising is marking these last days. It is gathering power.

In the Brethren Church the work of preparation has been going on for some time, and at our Warsaw Conference of 1896 the latent fire burst forth into a glorious flame that shall make that date blessed in our history. Besides establishing missions in large cities in this country a resolution was passed that we direct our attention to foreign missions. Indiana Conference, taking one step farther, declared, "The hour is come for foreign missions," and raised \$200 to send Bro. J. C. Mackey to India.

Preliminary to active work in the foreign field we need agitation and education and preparation at home. With this thought in mind the Warsaw Church organized a Missionary Reading Circle and presented the work to Conference. A committee was appointed to consider the work and report. The following plan for a general movement was reported and adopted:

1. That a course of missionary reading be established.
2. That this work be auxiliary to the National Mission Board and a Secretary be elected to prosecute the work.
3. That the Secretary organize Circles wherever possible, provide charters and model constitutions for the same, and diplomas for members completing the course.
4. That the course of reading be left to the discretion of the Secretary with the Mission Board."

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In accordance with the above, arrangements have been made for—

1. A course of reading.
2. Literature necessary for local circles.
3. Enrollment of scattered members.
4. Diplomas for graduates.
5. Space in our papers for the work.

How to Organize a Circle.

1. Send for explanatory literature.
2. Talk over the work with the pastor and secure his co-operation.
3. Get those interested together in a private meeting and talk over the work.
4. Have a public meeting. Have the pastors and others present the work as forcibly as possible.
5. Make a list of members.
6. Adopt the constitution and elect officers.
7. Enroll. Send the names of officers and members to the Secretary. You will then receive charter and membership cards.

Isolated Members.

If you cannot form a Circle, send your name to the Secretary and pursue the course alone. Many are doing this.

Notes.

1. Single members or Circles may enroll at any time and complete the course in less or more than three years as they are able.
2. A beautiful diploma will be granted to all completing the course.
3. Books approved by the Executive Board may be substituted for those in the course,

4. Order Sammy Morris books of the Secretary. For other books enclose printed course with amount to the publishers.

5. If preferred, instead of organizing with independent officers, the work may be made auxiliary to the K. C., or C. E., or S. S. C. E., etc., by appointing a Missionary Circle Committee to prosecute the work.

6. To encourage thorough reading an examination will be offered at the end of each year upon the books for the year, and the one submitting the best papers will receive the books for the next year's course free.

7. The books of the entire course, tracts, Evangelist, K. C. paper, etc., should be placed in the Circle library and made accessible to all.

8. Programs and helps for public meetings of the Circles will be published.

9. This work is controlled through the Executive Board, consisting of the National Mission Board and the auxiliary Secretary. Contributions will be far-reaching in results for the kingdom. All gifts will be gratefully received and reported in the EVANGELIST. They will be used in scattering missionary literature.

10. The work has been warmly endorsed by Illiokota and Indiana Conferences as well as National. There is a wonderful interest shown. Many have already enrolled. Begin work at once.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. *Purpose.*—The purpose of the Missionary Circle is to promote the evangelization of the world in this generation. Definitely it seeks by organized, aggressive work, (1.) To create sentiment for missions, especially in our own beloved brotherhood, by a course of reading, public meetings and literature. (2.) To raise up funds and workers for home and foreign missions.

ART. 2. *Membership.*—Any Christian may become a member upon vote of the Circle, who shall agree by signing this Constitution to share in all the work of the Circle.

ART. 3. *Officers.*—A President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such committees as may be necessary, shall be elected to serve one year and perform customary duties.

ART. 4. *Meetings.*—Regular meetings shall be held on of each month.

ART. 5. *Offerings.*—At each regular meeting members will bring or send an offering for the work.

ART. 6. Members will be required to read the following or equivalents approved by the Executive Board:

First Year.—1. Crisis of Missions. 2. Armenian Amphitheater. 3. Do Not Say. 4. Our Country. 5. Life of Sammy Morris. 6. Choice Extracts.—(From F. B. Meyer.)

Second Year.—1. The Greatest Work in the World. 2. The New Acts of the Apostles. 3. Lady Missionaries in Foreign Lands. 4. How to Study the Bible.—(Moody.)

Third Year.—1. The New Era. 2. Miracles of Missions. 3. Second Coming of Christ. 4. Divine Enterprise of Missions. Evangelist or King's Children throughout the course.

ART. 7. *Program Committee.*—A committee of three shall program and perfect all arrangements for the public meetings of the Circle.

ART. 8. This Constitution (excepting Articles 1 and 6) may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote.

NOTE.—This Constitution is suggestive. If desired the entire work may be made auxiliary to an existing society by placing it under a committee.